

WOULD HELP IDLE BY DIVIDING WORK

Hoover's Plan is to Keep More Men Employed, Although Fewer Hours Per Week

SPEED PUBLIC PROJECTS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Sept. 12.—The object of the unemployment relief program, which Secretary Hoover is forming, is to organize on a national scale the task of finding work for the jobless and relieving those for whom work cannot be found. Usually in the past this has been left to local committees and to voluntary effort.

From his experience in feeding Belgium and other impoverished nationalities of Europe, Mr. Hoover feels the unemployment can be more effectively solved by a central organization. One difficulty of leaving it to local cities is illustrated by what is happening in Portland, Ore., which has done more than any other community to prepare for the hard winter that is coming. Portland is effectively organized, with the result that the workless are drifting there from Tacoma, Seattle and Salem, which are not so organized, creating a problem too great for Portland to handle. The Portland plan is thus described in a telegram from Mayor Berkey to Mr. Hoover: "The Portland unemployment plan provides for five directors of various phases of work. All directors are influential business men. One has charge of public employment, getting governmental agencies, including State, city, county State Highway Department, School Board, etc., to do all possible public improvement work during the winter."

Divide Up Employment

"Another director has industries and will organize plants to do all possible winter work and, if necessary, to cooperate in general plan of dividing up employment so that unemployment will not be confined to one group all the time."

"Still another has charge of providing and creating work for women."

"A fourth director has charge of establishing emergency relief, including a public fuel yard, where men without families will be given work chopping wood, for heat and room. We have selected an abandoned shipyard and it will be self-sustaining."

"The Mayor is the fifth director and he will be the general supervisor. A rock pile will be opened for the 'son't work' class."

"Publicity will be used to warn against influx of men. We have cooperation and support of governmental agencies, organized labor, business and industrial interests and the press, which is absolutely essential for success."

Mr. Hoover's Plans

Mr. Hoover has two general ideas for the relief of the unemployed. One is to divide up what work there is among the workers so that all will have employment if only for a few days a week and with less earnings instead of having some fully employed and the rest idle. This he would do by the system of staggered hours and the organizing of men into shifts.

Particularly on the railroads would Mr. Hoover like to see this done. As it is now when engineers are laid off on the railroads they have to take the place of firemen under an agreement with the unions. The firemen displaced are employed at the next lower grade and the lower classes of labor are pushed out of employment.

Mr. Hoover would like to see what engineers' work there is divided up among the engineers and so on through the grades, so that all would have employment, though for fewer days a week.

There are obvious difficulties in the way of this plan, arrangements with unions, inertia of employers and a certain amount of disorganization in plants. The easiest way is to lay off the less efficient. Mr. Hoover desires to call employers together to persuade them to take the more difficult but so easily fair way of dividing work up rather than dismissing the superfluous.

Would Start Public Work

Besides staggered hours, Mr. Hoover wants to create jobs by urging the beginning of necessary public works.

State, city and national, and by urging employers to do now whatever repairing, cleaning and overhauling they might otherwise be inclined to put off till spring."

The Secretary of Commerce, in getting President Harding to call this conference, has no alarmist ideas about the industrial situation. He believes that business conditions are improving. Employment is increasing, in his opinion, and will increase during the winter. But no one expects the recovery of business to be sufficiently rapid to take care of unemployment. This winter promises to press harder upon those who are out of work than last winter, not only because probably more are now without jobs than then, but also because workers have used up their savings.

Last winter's depression came at the end of a period of high wages and full employment. Most workers had some means of carrying themselves along for a period or could be aided by the more fortunate members of their families. This winter savings are exhausted and credit gone, so that those that are out of work will not wish to see the situation drift.

Since Justice Landis' decision cutting wages in the building trade, some 1,000,000 men are out of work, and that through the immense demand for housing unemployment may be greatly relieved.

BLIND GIRL "SEES" SHIP

Kathryn Erick, Also Deaf Mute, Inspects With Fingers

Kathryn Erick, deaf, dumb and blind ward of the State of Pennsylvania, made her first intimate acquaintance with a ship yesterday, when she was taken to every nook and cranny of the freighter *Avila*, which docked here several days ago.

Her delicate finger tips, guided either by her father's weather-worn, weathered machinery, tackle, instruments and the structure of the ship. She wanted an explanation of the sailors explained to her father and he gave it to her by touching her hands, using the finger alphabet.

Miss Erick is twenty-one years old. Since she was nine she has been at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Mount Airy.

HEALTH SERVICE CHANGES

Two Surgeons Shifted From Philadelphia by U. S.

Changes have been announced at Washington in the personnel of the United States Public Health Service in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Surgeon Joseph Marschall has been transferred from this city to Washington, D. C., for duty with the Veterans' Bureau. Surgeon H. E. Strick has been transferred from Philadelphia to Maybrook, N. J., for hospital duty. Surgeon R. E. Dyer, of the United States Public Health Service, has been directed to proceed to New Brunswick, N. J., to cooperate with the city health administration in making a survey of the city.

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BAR TO PHILIPPINE FREEDOM FOUND

Resources Lacking for Separate, Unprotected Government, Forbes Declares

MISSION FINISHES WORK

By the Associated Press
Manila, Sept. 12.—Major General Leonard Wood and W. Cameron Forbes, with the other members of President Harding's mission to the Philippine Islands, sailed yesterday for Hongkong, China, on the steamship *Korea Maru*.

After a three days' visit to Hongkong the mission will go to Shanghai on the liner *Empress of Asia*, where they are to be guests of the Chinese Government, later visiting Peking and other cities. Leaving China the mission will travel through Korea as guests of the Japanese Government, following which General Wood and other members of the mission will return to Manila, while Mr. Forbes will sail from Japan for the United States with the mission's report.

A summary of the report was telegraphed to President Harding from Manila just prior to the departure for China.

In an address yesterday at the University of the Philippines, Mr. Forbes declared the islands are still without sufficient resources for the maintenance of a separate unprotected government, but he believed it contrary to the traditional policy of the American people to hold an alien people in subjection permanently against their own will.

"I will make clear the position I have always held regarding Philippine independence," Mr. Forbes said. "I believe in the desire for independence, and have never tried to discourage it. I always said my duty as Governor General included changing the political relationship between the Philippine Islands and the United States, and I have devoted myself to development of the natural resources, as the Philippine people were then and still are without sufficient resources for the maintenance of a separate government without protection."

DROWNS AS CANOE UPSETS

Gloucester City Youth Loses Life in Delaware

Joseph Welch Schwartz, eighteen years old, of 289 Mercer street, Gloucester City, was drowned in the Delaware River last night when a canoe upset. His body was recovered. Schwartz, who is better known as Welch, was in his father's boat with two other boys when the canoe overturned. With John Goan, 315 Cumberland street, Gloucester, he went out in a canoe.

When turning the canoe upset and they were thrown into the water. Schwartz grabbed the side of the canoe, Goan tried to turn the canoe over. Three times Schwartz let go and tried to swim ashore, but found the tide too strong, and each time Goan grabbed him just as he was going to the bottom.

Goan told him to hold on to the canoe and he would try to push it ashore. Again Schwartz let go, and when Goan saw him going to the bottom he started after him, but his sweater caught on a spike and when he got loose Schwartz had disappeared.

Germantown Women to Rally

Republican women of Germantown will hold a rally on Wednesday night in the Vernon Building, Germantown and Chelten avenues. Speakers will include Franklin Spencer Edmonds, chairman of the Allied Campaign Committee; Shippen Lewis, candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention; Margaret Jenkins, ward chairman, and Katherine Foster, candidate for Magistrate.

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OPTOMETRISTS TO MEET

Twenty-fifth Annual Convention Set for October 11-13

Plans are being prepared for the entertainment in this city of about 500 eye specialists of Pennsylvania and surrounding States, who will attend the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Optometric Society on October 11, 12 and 13. The convention will be held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Society of Optometrists.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the society will be marked by a special observance in which well-known members of the profession from all parts of the country will take part.

Dr. John H. Flanagan, chairman of the Convention Committee, has appointed prominent Philadelphia optometrists as chairmen of eight committees to prepare the details of the education, exhibit and entertainment programs.

Dr. Otto G. Haussmann is chairman of the Finance Committee; Dr. John J. McNally, of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Educational; Dr. J. F. Neill, Jr., of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Entertainment; Dr. Emily F. Hope, of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Welfare; Dr. Joseph Hagerty, of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Social; and Dr. J. F. Neill, Sr., of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Publicity.

On Monday, October 10, members of the faculty of the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry will deliver a course of lectures in the college auditorium, 1800 Spring Garden street, on the subject of eye refraction.

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LEAGUE FRIENDLY TO ARMS PARLEY

Recognizes America's Right to Deal With Great Problem, Says Bourgeois

RESPECTS NATIONAL VIEWS

By the Associated Press
Geneva, Sept. 12.—Leon Bourgeois, of France, during a general debate before the Assembly of the League of Nations today, declared there was no reason for the League to be alarmed by the coming disarmament conference at Washington.

"The League respects national sentiments," he said, "and recognizes that those who are outside as well as those who are inside the League have the right to occupy themselves with the great question of disarmament."

"It was not to be expected," added M. Bourgeois, "that a country which sent 2,000,000 men across the Atlantic to fight for liberty would afterward renounce a part in future affairs."

M. Bourgeois cited the presence in Geneva of the numerous correspondents of the American press as evidence of the interest the United States has in the League.

"I am sure," he continued, "that the dispatches they send across the sea will convince the Americans that the good work we are doing here can only augment the efficacy of such good work as may be done in Washington."

Referring to the dissatisfaction of Sweden with the Aland Islands award, made under the League's jurisdiction, M. Bourgeois agreed with the sentiment previously expressed by A. J. Balfour, of Great Britain, that it was impossible to please both sides in such controversies.

The French delegate mentioned the increasing numbers of demands for the intervention of the League in various

THOUSANDS HONOR BERGDOLL PROXY

Private Russell C. Gross is Buried With Imposing Ceremonies

Russell C. Gross, 1480 North Fifty-sixth street, the man who died while fighting in the place of Grover C. Bergdoll, slacker, was buried yesterday.

No more imposing tribute could have been paid than that given by the 15,000 Philadelphians who stood with heads bared as the casket bearing his body passed on the way to Fernwood Cemetery.

Only the rumbling of the caisson and the tread of marching feet could be heard all along the line of the funeral. The thousands who lined the pavement stood in silence as they watched the cortege.

Shortly after 2 o'clock three companies of sailors, marines and soldiers formed along Fifty-fourth street and stood at "attention." They were joined by a company of infantry from Camp Dix, a police band and an American Legion band.

There was a still quietness as the caisson rumbled slowly before the long line of service men. It stopped at the entrance of the church. Six members of the 328th Infantry Association of New York acted as pall bearers.

The feature of the service was an address by the Rev. Dr. Richard Radcliffe. He eulogized the sacrifice which Gross had made for his country, the terrorism he displayed during several engagements of the war, and, finally, he read an extract from one of the last letters that Gross sent home before being killed. It read: "If it is God's will that I come through O. K., I shall at least feel that I have done something for civilization."

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CHILDREN'S EYES BAD

One in Every Five Needs Attention, Says Report

One-fifth of the school children in this city have defective vision of such character as requires correction, according to the weekly health bulletin issued by the Department of Health.

Director Furbush, of the department, says in the bulletin that the division of school medical inspection requires the examination of the eyes of every school child shortly after entering school.

Parents of those children who cannot afford the private services of an oculist may have the eyes of their children examined in the eye dispensary of the Bureau of Health, City Hall, or they may take the children to one of the many eye dispensaries in the hospitals throughout the city.

N. J. VETERANS TO MEET

State Convention of League to Open at Asbury Park Thursday

The American Legion of Burlington County, N. J., is planning to send a large delegation to the New Jersey State Convention at Asbury Park Thursday to Saturday. The eleven posts in the county are co-operating under the leadership of Clifford R. Powell, of Mount Holly, a member of the State Convention Committee. It is expected that several hundred legionnaires will follow the county banner in the parade on Friday.

The county will be represented by thirty-one delegates, with County Commander Frank A. Matthews, Jr., of Palmyra, as floor leader.

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HELD ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Sailor Arrested for Alleged Attack on Park Guard

A sailor of the United States steamship *Ohio* was arrested last night in Fairmount Park, charged with having assaulted a park guard, when the latter insisted that a girl claiming to be his wife leave the Park.

The sailor is Frederick Davidson, twenty-eight, of Front street above Berks, and the Park officials say the girl he had with him last night and who gave her name as Mrs. Frederick Davidson, had been forbidden admittance to the Park because of previous disorderly conduct for which she was arrested.

Upon seeing the girl at Strawberry Mansion, Park Guard Kane said that he immediately recognized her as the one who had been barred and asked her to leave the Park. She refused, and when Kane took hold of her arm to lead her out, Davidson hit him on the jaw, and was arrested. He was given a hearing before Magistrate Stevenson, in the Sedgley guard house and held in \$500 bail for a further hearing on Thursday. The girl was sent to the House of Detention.

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